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1. The Soviet uniform is now compulsory for the Rumanian Army. A few units, which had been delayed in making the change, are now doing so in haste. In the same way, all army regulations, all methods and techniques previously employed by the Rumanian Army are being replaced by others, borrowed from the Red Army. The "Code of Military Justice," in other words the Articles of War, has been abandoned in favor of the Soviet military legal code.
2. This process has gone so far, that the Russian language is being made compulsory in military schools and other institutions. Presumably, however, this means only that it has to be studied here, as it is studied in civilian schools. It does not seem to have been introduced as a "language of command." The cadres have received their final purge. Pensions paid to retired officers and former officials have been cancelled.
3. Every effort is being made by propaganda to reconcile Rumanian troops to this state of affairs and make good Communists of them. Every military unit is required to have its own newspaper, which has to be distributed, read, and commented upon, in such a way as to prove that it really has been read. "Red Corners" must be established in all military centers or buildings occupied by troops. Crews of military "agitators" have been established. These crews move about among the units, spreading Communist propaganda. Sections of ARLUS (organization which publishes and distributes Communist literature) have been placed in all regiments, battalions, and perhaps in smaller units. Libraries, radios, movies, and groups interested in sport, dancing, and orchestras are formed in the "House of the Troops."
4. In short the Rumanian Army is being transformed into a political instrument. A Rumanian soldier is expected to differ in no respect from a Soviet soldier, either as to appearance or ideology. His combat efficiency is not quite so easy to change over.

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